PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services

2021 Chesapeake Bay Commercial Striped Bass Temporary Permit Transfers and Transfers of Allocation — Effective 2/22/2021

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the rules for the temporary transfer of permits or transfers of allocation associated with permits registered in a Chesapeake Bay commercial striped bass fishery for the 2021 quota year.

Permits Registered in the Chesapeake Bay Common Pool Fishery

- A permit registered in the striped bass common pool fishery may be temporarily transferred during the quota year from January 1, 2021 through November 20, 2021.
 - All remaining tags assigned to the permit must be transferred by the transferor to the transferee.

Permits Registered in the Chesapeake Bay Individual Transferrable Quota Fishery

- A permit registered in the striped bass individual transferrable quota fishery may be temporarily transferred during the quota year from January 1, 2021 through December 18, 2021.
- Allocation associated with a permit registered in the striped bass individual transferrable quota fishery that is not being transferred as part of a permanent share transfer may be transferred during the quota year from January 1, 2021 through December 18, 2021.
 - The minimum allocation increment is 1,000 pounds, or the entire remaining allocation if the transferor has less than 1,000 pounds.
 - For each 1,000 pound increment transferred, three bags of 100 unopened, unbroken tags must be transferred. If the transfer is less than 1,000 pounds, all remaining tags assigned to the transferor must be transferred to the transferee.
- Allocation associated with a permit registered in the striped bass individual transferrable quota fishery that is being transferred as part of a permanent share transfer may be transferred during the quota year from January 1, 2021 through December 18, 2021.
 - The minimum allocation transfer is 350 pounds, or the entire remaining allocation if the transferor has less than 350 pounds.

WHY THIS IS NECESSARY

This action is necessary to ensure Maryland's compliance with the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This applies to all individuals who are permitted to participate in the commercial striped bass fishery in the Chesapeake Bay.

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EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME

This notice is effective at 12:01 a.m. February 22, 2021.

AUTHORITY

Code of Maryland Regulations 08.02.15.04H

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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